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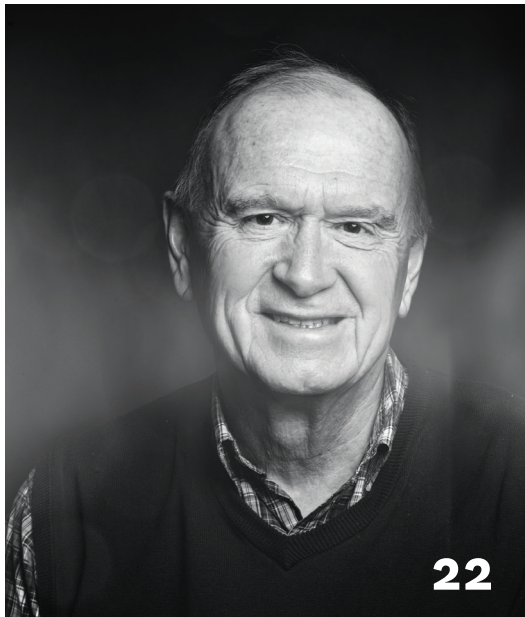
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One of the challenges we face with each issue of Taylor is how to visually depict the theme of the content for a compelling cover design, be it Innovate, Lead, Sacrifice or this particular issue, Building Up One Another. During this most recent process, we took a step back that allowed us to visualize where the power comes from to do any good work to which God calls us: prayer.

Thus, we chose to create a visual depiction of what was described in the Book of Revelation of our prayers rising before God. We do not possess the power within ourselves to accomplish any good work to which God calls us. But Jesus said, "With man, this is impossible. But with God, all things are possible." What an exciting thought!



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We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. **ROMANS 15:1-2**

“If you see your brother in need, it doesn’t matter if you already gave somewhere else. You should be open to the idea of God using you to meet your brother’s unexpected need.”

ANDY STANLEY

The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

We make no bones about it. At Taylor we are committed to helping young people develop a sense of morality and a set of values.

MILO A. REDIGER '39

He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:10-12

My eyes will watch over them for their good, and I will bring them back to this land. I will build them up and not tear them down; I will plant them and not uproot them.

JEREMIAH 24:6



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DOING WHAT DOES NOT COME NATURALLY

Building Up One Another - one of the perils I face during my times of Bible study is that the words on the page make sense in my head, but have a tough time finding their way to my heart. It is that way with the command from 1 Thessalonians to encourage and build each other up.

The call to build up one another is the first expression of love listed in our Life Together Covenant. And it is followed by similar expressions of commitment and sacrifice: Making Allowance for One Another; Caring for One Another; Respecting One Another; Speaking the Truth in Love; and Reconciliation, Restoration and Restitution.

Each of us gives intellectual assent to these expressions, but the implications are problematic. I remember a rather unpleasant conversation with someone once that climaxed with the person saying, "If you are nice to me, I will be nice to you." It sounded so fair. And yet, it was so conditional, so human.

But the call of God is not conditional and my temporal view of the other person's sense of deservedness has no relevance. So as we obediently display our love for Him to one another, whether it is building others up, speaking the truth to them in love, showing them respect or being reconciled to each other, we bring the Kingdom of God to bear on that part of the world we are touching.

In this issue of *Taylor*, you'll see the accounts of just a handful of men and women who take seriously the call to build up the people they encounter, either in the world or at Taylor University. The accounts range from alumni to faculty and staff members - and each, as much as it was humanly possible, faithfully have obeyed God's command.

We pray that you will be encouraged to do that very same thing, and in so doing, see Christ and be His image bearers in the lives of those we meet. We love because He first loved us.



James R. Garringer
Editor



Dr. Connie Lightfoot hands the servant's towel to Margaret Beckford.

A CHALLENGE TO WALK IN A WORTHY MANNER

An estimated 5,000 Taylor graduates, students, faculty, staff, parents and family members packed the Kesler Student Activities Center for Taylor's 2013 commencement on May 18.

The featured speaker was Taylor alumna and education professor Dr. Cindy (Pearson '78) Tyner, who shared her personal faith journey, her battle with cancer and reflections on the servant's towel handed to every graduate.

"We are all called to be servant leaders," Tyner told the packed fieldhouse. "It may be in inner city Marion, Indiana, throughout the U.S., or on a foreign field. Missions and servant leadership opportunities are across the street; introducing yourself to new neighbors, call-

ing 911 to help a mother and son stranded in their car in the middle of the road, volunteering at a battered women's shelter or pregnancy help center, teaching overseas, working with those dying from AIDS, ministering to Alzheimer's patients (like my Mother), cooking a meal, volunteering for Special Olympics or offering to wash windows for an elderly couple.

"Servant Leadership is praying, giving, listening, helping, getting dirty, being out of our comfort zone and supporting those God has entrusted

to our care. It is seeking the Lord's will for your own life," Tyner added. "I challenge you to seek out areas in which you can serve with no need of recognition, following the example of Jesus.

"I greatly appreciated Dr. Tyner's passion for her faith and her perseverance through life struggles. How she battled with her sickness and her continued pursuit to keep Jesus Christ by her side was inspiring," said Erin (Guarneri '13) McGaughey.

The verse for the Class of 2013 was Ephesians 4:1: I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called. The class came from 38 states and 13 foreign countries that included the Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, France, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Russia, South Korea and Ukraine.

Nineteen received Master of Arts degrees in Higher Education and Student Development (MAHE); 21

earned Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees; six earned Master of Environmental Science (MES) degrees; 239 received Bachelor of Arts degrees; 197 were awarded Bachelor of Science degrees; six received Bachelor of Music degrees. One earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and four earned Associate of Arts degrees.

Two hundred thirty-three Baccalaureate degree recipients earned graduation honors – they were comprised of 55 who earned Summa Cum Laude honors, 94 who achieved Magna Cum Laude, and 84 who earned Cum Laude honors. Five graduated with perfect 4.0 grade point averages: Caroline Nicole Hays, Lindsey Jordan Kalk, Sarah Rae Nace, Jenissa Rose Van Antwerp, and Laura Kathleen Westercamp.

Sixty-four percent of the class had an international learning or serving experience, with many having two, three or four such experiences.

TREES, WATERFALLS AND NEW HOMES

Simultaneous projects are underway at Taylor this summer that will create a new home for Taylor University's education department, plant hundreds of new trees, and create a pair of retention ponds that will serve, not only as tributaries for Taylor Lake, but will continue an aesthetic transformation of the Taylor University campus.

Dozens of new trees are being planted to create what Taylor officials call an "allée of trees" in the lawn between the Euler Science Complex and Reade Liberal Arts Center. New trees are also being planted and up-lighting and crushed gravel are being installed to create a sort of oasis between the Euler Science Complex and Zondervan Library.

Next to Breuninger Hall, where work continues with an August target date for opening and student move-in, the addition of two water retention ponds will serve as tributaries for Taylor Lake. An upper pool near the front entrance will feed into the second via a small waterfall and a foot bridge will connect Breuninger,

Gerig and English Hall to the Hodson Dining Commons.

According to Ron Sutherland '82, Vice President for Business Administration at Taylor, the new trees and retention ponds are part of a larger effort to create outdoor spaces on campus that are not only aesthetically pleasing, but also conducive to special events and overall fellowship.

"The big idea is that students spend a lot of time traveling from space to space, so how do we use these spaces to add to the student's experience?" he said. "The stream enhancements, trees and addition of outdoor settings is part of an inten-

tional thought process to engage the students."

Sutherland said Taylor's goal is the eventual addition of more than 1,000 trees – some of which will replace trees lost to ash borer beetle infestation and drought, and that the university will have planted between 250-300 new trees by the year's end.

Sutherland added the Education Department's move to Euler will give the sequence's faculty and students much-needed additional space that includes larger offices, a conference room and common areas that will lead to increased interaction and collaboration.





A COUPLE HUNDRED OF HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS

Longtime Taylor friend Leland Boren celebrated his 90th birthday in April. Since moving to Upland in the mid-1960s, Boren and his late wife LaRita have blessed hundreds of Taylor University students through scholarship support, jobs and advocacy. LaRita faithfully served on the Taylor Board of Trustees until her death in 2011. He is chief executive officer of Avis Industrial Corporation, located in Upland. Dozens of family members, friends and well-wishers celebrated with him.



KOREAN, MANDARIN ADDED TO LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

The Taylor University foreign language curriculum will expand with two offerings that have historically been considered some of the world's most difficult languages to learn: Mandarin Chinese and Korean.

The reason for the new language offerings is driven by an expansion of the International Studies program and its East Asia focus, said Dr. Tom Jones '73, Dean, School of Humanities, Arts, and Biblical Studies.

"This is not a Rosetta Stone approach," said Jones. "The courses will be focused on using the language as a tool to engage culture. We want to use them to introduce students to Asian cultures, and to make it possible for them to study and travel in China and Korea – not as 'Ugly Americans' who bring their credit cards – but as informed, competent, compassionate sisters and brothers in Christ."

Though the expanded course offerings are currently in a pilot phase, subject to final approval by the faculty and curriculum boards, Jones says he is confident Taylor has assembled a team of experts. These include current faculty who are native speakers, or who have spent decades in China or Korea, mastering the languages.

The plan is for International Studies students to complete their first year of study at Taylor,


and then complete the second half through a semester abroad or an intensive, five-week summer program, similar to the current Spanish language program in Cuenca, Ecuador.


While abroad, students will connect with local culture on both academic and spiritual levels. "This is about more than the acquisition of language skills or learning how to communicate as a visitor. It's about the development of a focus area for students," said Jones. "Knowledge of the Korean language makes it possible for our students to begin with more confidence – to be in South Korea and be more aware of the culture. And it's the same with Chinese. These sorts of interactions with the language are parts of a university initiative we hope will lead to greater university-wide involvement with businesses, churches and universities.

"One of the dreams articulated for Taylor by President Eugene B. Habecker '68 was that it would be a place which carried the gospel to people in their heart language," Jones added. "Taylor has had many connections to Asia over the years. This moves those connections to a new level, and creates that focus: to carry the gospel in heart languages through these programs, to encourage and affirm our Christian friends in China and Korea, and to carry it to everyone we meet."


#TAYLORU

One of social media's best qualities is its ability to share instantaneous information with friends, families and loved ones via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or various social media. **Here are a few tweets and Instagram photos that we have enjoyed during the past months.**

 **@karagearthart** @TaylorU_News Class of 2017?!! No, that doesn't make me feel old at all... Yeesh! #TaylorU #quarterlifecrisis

 **@AbbyCampbell22** Getting so pumped for #TaylorU next year, my roommates already seem awesome!

 **@callie93noelle** Missing TU something fierce today. #TaylorU

 **@emday** I'm officially graduated from @TaylorU_News. The next time I'm in a classroom, I'll be teaching in Singapore. @nicsschools @icsedusg

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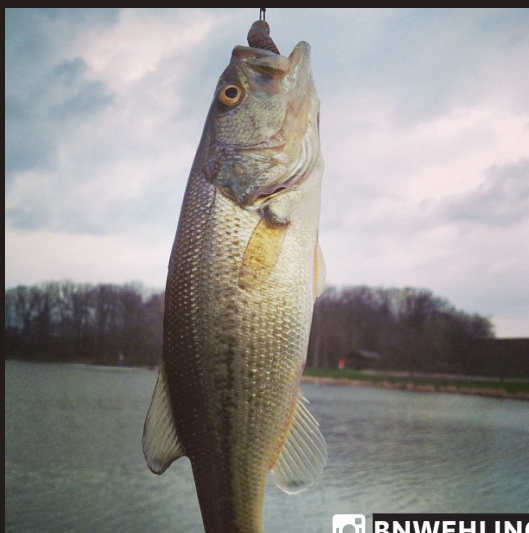
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2012-2013 FACULTY AWARD WINNERS

How does one quantify impact?

Perhaps on this side of eternity it is not possible. But there are milestones along the way and for three members of the Taylor faculty, those milestones came in the form of accolades this year.

Drs. Nancy Dayton, Ed Meadors and Kevin Diller '93 each received annual awards for excellence in teaching, classroom work and contributions to the Taylor community.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD **Dr. Nancy C. Dayton**

The professor recognized by the Alumni Association as distinguished professor must have been a member of the Taylor faculty for at least 10 years, be recognized for classroom teaching excellence and as a positive influence on students, have the respect of other faculty, be recognized for expertise in their field of specialization, and have visibility outside the college community.

The selection committee consists of alumni, students, staff members, and the last four professors to have won the award.

Dayton has served the Taylor faculty for 25 years. She holds degrees from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (Ph.D., 1996); Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., (M.A., 1987); and Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Ind., (BA, Summa Cum Laude, 1985).

THE DR. JOE BURNWORTH TEACHING AWARD **Dr. Kevin S. Diller '93**

The Dr. Joe Burnworth Teaching Award was established to recognize distinctive faculty in their first five years of teaching at Taylor who exhibit great promise and have made noteworthy contributions to the academic and community life of the institution. The award's namesake, Dr. Burnworth, served Taylor University with distinction in the education department for 31 years. Dr. Burnworth loved his students and he was passionate about good teaching.

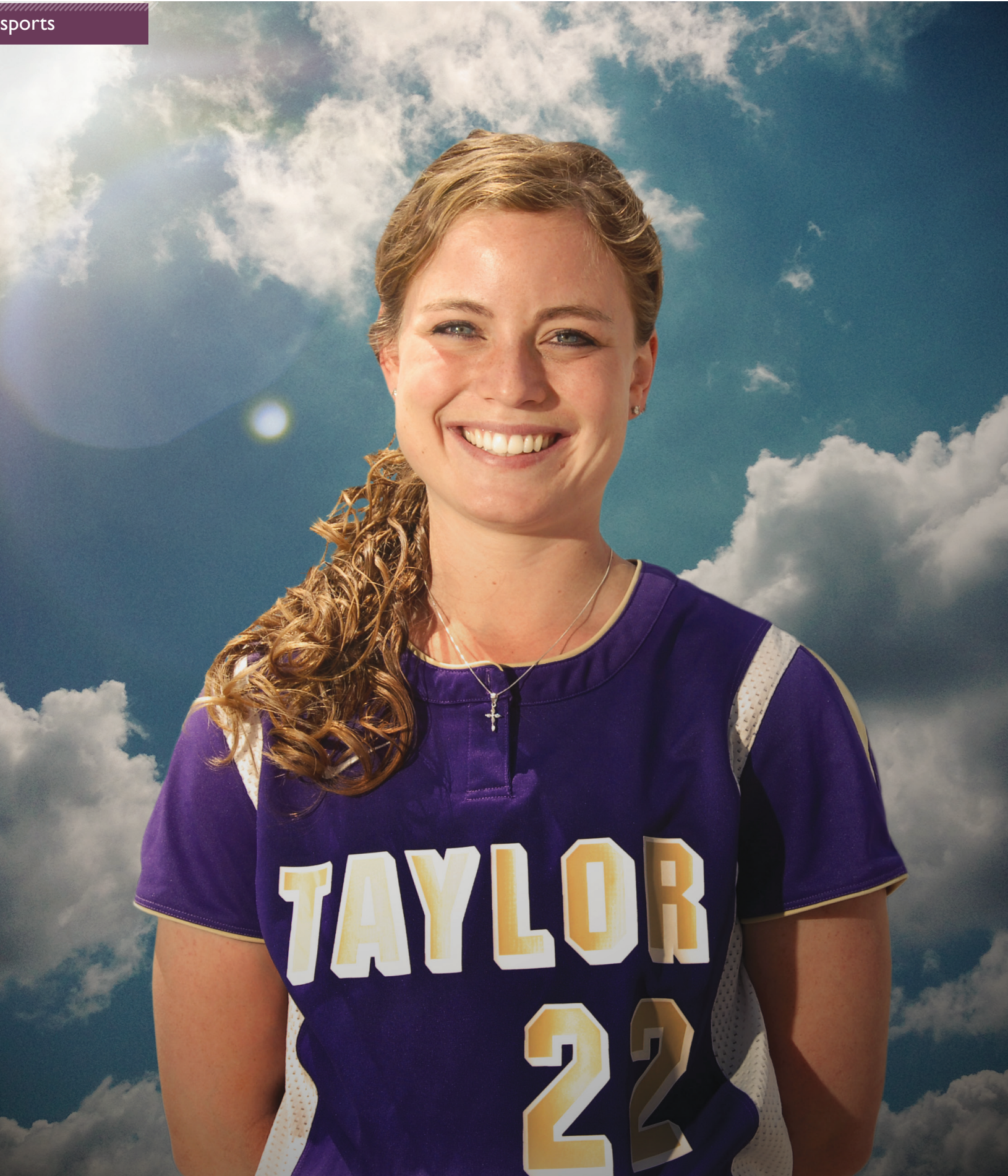
Diller holds degrees from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland (Ph.D., 2008); Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Mich. (Th.M., 2001); Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J. (M.Div., 1997); and Taylor University (B.A., 1993). He has also done post-doctoral work at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind. (2008-2009).

THE TEACHING EXCELLENCE AND CAMPUS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dr. Edward P. Meadors

The award is given by Taylor faculty and students to a faculty member who has made a distinct difference in the teaching climate of Taylor University in such areas as model classroom teaching, campus leadership, pioneering teaching methodology, creative course development and/or instructional support.

Dr. Meadors joined the Taylor faculty in 1995. He holds degrees from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland (Ph.D., 1993); Wheaton College Graduate School (M.A., 1989) and Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. (B.A., 1986).



Karon Earley '14

THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

It has been said that a person reveals who they really are when faced with adversity. A member of Taylor University's softball team, senior Karon Earley '14, experienced this firsthand through the loss of her grandfather and the response of the Taylor community.

Having played softball since the age of four, it's something of an understatement to say that Karon is passionate about the sport. "Playing for Taylor's softball team has been one of the highest honors of my life," says Earley. "I am incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to play with such a great group of girls that encourage me in my walk with Christ and help push me as a player and individual."

Among Earley's most ardent supporters was her grandfather, Andrew Stone, who was from Earley's hometown, Anderson, Ind. Stone came to every game and from his regular seat behind home plate he cheered, not only for Earley, but for the whole Taylor team. "My grandpa has been one of my biggest fans since I started playing the sport," Earley remembers. "He started coming to my little league games and followed me all the way through high school. When I told him I got accepted to Taylor and I decided to play softball for them, he was incredibly proud of me. He didn't miss a single game when I started playing ... He knew every girl's number and had different

nick names for each player. After every game, he would tell the team how great they did."

During Earley's sophomore year, however, her grandfather was diagnosed with lung cancer. Although he was ill, he attended as many Taylor games as he was able, often watching from the car. After the cancer claimed his life last year, the support from Karon's team only increased. "We had his showing on a Sunday and his funeral on the Monday of finals," Earley says. "As I looked down the line of people who were waiting patiently to see me and my family, I noticed a huge group of college girls with big smiles on their faces. My entire team, coaches, and athletic trainer came to my grandpa's showing. When I saw them, I instantly broke down into tears.

"I literally felt God's love flow right out of them," she continues. "It was the most remarkable thing I have ever witnessed. Everyone was asking, 'Who is that huge group of good-looking girls?' I was proud to say those were my softball teammates from Taylor University. A lot of my family members are not Christians and this left an impact on their life that has changed them forever. My family kept telling me how great they were for coming and how shocked they were that I had a team that would do that for me. My family saw God's love – literally. And I know that was something my family will always remember."

NEW COACHES NAMED

Three new coaches will guide the Trojans at courtside this year at Taylor University. Josh Andrews has been named head basketball coach; Holly Motheral is the new head volleyball coach; and Kelly Packard will be the new women's basketball coach. Each was named following national searches.

Andrews will be just the third head coach of the Taylor men's basketball program since the start of the 1947-1948 season and replaces Paul Patterson. Andrews played for Patterson for one year at Taylor in the early 2000s. His Middletown High School (Ohio) team went 32-17, winning sectional and district championships during the 2011-2012 season. Andrews was named the Greater Miami Conference Coach of the Year in 2012 and 2013.

Prior to Middletown, Andrews compiled an 80-18 record during four seasons as head coach at Princeton High School, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Motheral, who replaces Brittany Smith '00, comes to Taylor after assistant coaching stints at Montreat College and the University of Rio Grande. Motheral's Montreat team finished 22-13 and advanced to the championship match of the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament. At Rio Grande, her teams compiled a 43-29 record and made back-to-back appearances in the semifinal round of the Mid-South Conference Tournament.

Packard, who replaces Tena Krause, is a veteran head coach, with stints at neighboring Ball State and the Colorado Chill, a National Women's Basketball League franchise. Her Ball State team engineered an upset of two-time defending national champion Tennessee during the NCAA tournament in 2008 and the Chill won NWBL titles in 2005 and 2006.



TAKING UP THE TOWEL

By Dr. Cynthia (Pearson '78) Tyner

I have always believed that I have a dream job – teaching people how to teach. I teach through modeling strategies for my students because when they participate by “doing” the lesson they have a much better chance of remembering it and doing it in their own classrooms in the future. While growing up I had a very humble quiet model of true Christian servant leadership, my father. I remember one Christmas when the news came that a family in our community had a fire in their house, Dad took us to the store and we picked out clothing, toys, and food for them. We brought the gifts home, wrapped them and delivered them. Over and over I watched and listened as my Dad dropped whatever he was doing, even at all hours of the night, to help someone in need.

I was raised in a Christian home by loving parents, accepted Christ at age seven at a neighborhood Bible club, was involved in church, youth group, music, academics and ultimately I was accepted to attend Taylor University, where I thrived. I had the opportunity to serve as Taylor class chaplain, sang in the Chorale and on a weekend gospel team, met people who became my friends for life and received a degree in elementary education. Shortly after leaving TU I was married to my husband Stan, began my first teaching job and a few years later we were blessed with our children, Christin and Jody.

The call to be God’s ambassador, his “little Christ” as the word “Chris-

tian” connotes, and a servant leader is one that I have sensed since my childhood. In fact, we are all called to be servant leaders. It may be in inner city Marion, Indiana, throughout the United States or on a foreign field. Missions and servant leadership opportunities are across the street; getting to know new neighbors, calling 911 to help a mother and son stranded in their car in the middle of the road, volunteering at a battered women’s shelter or pregnancy help center, teaching overseas, working with and loving those dying from AIDS, ministering to Alzheimer’s patients (like my Mother), cooking a meal, volunteering for Special Olympics or offering to wash windows for an elderly couple. Servant leadership is praying, giving, listening, helping, getting dirty, being out of our comfort zone and supporting those God has entrusted to our care. It is seeking the Lord’s will for your own life.

If you are truly in the middle of the Lord’s will for your life, the proverbial bumps in the road will come. I always believed God’s word to be true but never did I learn to trust it and rely on it as much as I did in the summer of 2003 after I had been stricken with appendicitis. It was then the doctors told us my appendix had contained a cancerous tumor, mucinous adenocarcinoma. The tumor had actually grown into both sides of the wall of the appendix but had not penetrated yet. The appendicitis was a miracle because appendicular cancer patients usually do not find out that they are ill

until it is too late. From the minute I heard the word, “cancer” I began to rely on God’s word to comfort me in my time of trouble.

Over the next seven months I endured major surgery and numerous rounds of chemotherapy. God was with me every second of every minute of every day through cancer, and He is still with me today. Joni Eareckson Tada notes, “When life is rosy, we may slide by with knowing Jesus, with imitating and quoting Him and speaking of Him. But only in suffering will we know Jesus.” We learn things about God in suffering that we can’t learn any other way.

As a cancer survivor, I want to live each day like I was dying, similar to what the Tim McGraw song relates. I may not know how much time I have left here on this earth, but I do know God calls on me today to continue His work and I have a mission to share the hope of salvation and heaven with everyone that I meet, and to comfort those who need comfort.

MY PRAYER FOR EACH OF YOU IS:

- That you will remain strong and healthy throughout the race of life set before you,
- That your eyes and ears will be open to ministry opportunities wherever God leads you,
- That you will have your cup up, ready to be filled by the Lord,
- For safety and protection as you travel, at home and work,
- And that every single day, those around you, wherever you are called to serve, will see Jesus in you.

Are you ready to take up the servant’s towel you received at your Taylor graduation and serve a world in need? Only one life soon will pass, only what’s done for Christ will last.

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Junior Lauren Harvey, a Communication Studies major, is the first person in her family to attend Taylor. During a campus visit in high school, she fell in love with Taylor, especially the spiritual emphasis provided by the chapel program.

During her time at Taylor, Lauren has learned the value of a faith and learning integrated education. She has served as a Discipleship Assistant in English Hall, Student Ambassador to alumni and friends, student employee for the University Marketing team and Interclass Council representative. Lauren’s Taylor experience has molded her identity as a Christian and is preparing her for life beyond campus.

Thankfully, Lauren has received scholarship assistance, allowing her to have the Taylor experience. Gifts to the Taylor Fund help students like Lauren afford the cost of their education by providing need-based financial aid grants.

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⁸ WHEN HE HAD TAKEN THE BOOK, THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES
ELDERLY FELL DOWN BEFORE THE LAMB, EACH ONE HOLDING
A CENSER, FULL OF INCENSE, WHICH ARE THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS,
SAYING,

“WORTHY ARE YOU TO TAKE THE BOOK AND TO BREAK ITS SEALS,
FOR YOU WERE SLAIN AND PURCHASED FOR GOD WITH YOUR BLOOD MEN FROM EVERY
TRIBE AND NATION.

The background of the entire page is a black canvas filled with intricate, ethereal patterns of blue and white light. These patterns resemble smoke, mist, or perhaps the movement of light particles, swirling and looping in a complex, organic fashion. The colors are most vibrant in the center and bottom, fading into the black at the top and edges. The overall effect is one of mystery and divine light.

ON 5:8-9

CREATURES AND THE TWENTY-FOUR
DING A HARP AND GOLDEN BOWLS
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SEALS; FOR YOU WERE SLAIN, AND
RY TRIBE AND TONGUE AND PEOPLE



CREAT

FROM BOTTLE WASHER TO CHIEF COOK

Forty-eight years ago Jerry Nelson was a self-described “young pup” when he began working for the Taylor University Dining Services. Housed at the time in the Storer Commons (the dome), Nelson swept and mopped, prepared food and worked his way to the director’s position.

For nearly five decades he and his staff delivered more than 50 million meals to the Taylor community. Beyond food, he and his wife Jo Ellen served as wing hook-ups for the Morris Hall Penthouse. On May 31, Nelson completed his last day as Director of Food Service at the Hodson Dining Commons and has retired to his historic home in Roann, Indiana.

What did a meal look like in 1965?

Jerry: Cottage cheese would be in a dish, and your coleslaw or your tossed salad, and it wouldn’t be two or three of them – you could just take one, then your entree, your potato and your vegetable and one dessert. And the only beverages you had were milk and what we called Bug Juice, which was like concentrated Kool-Aid, and tea. Of course, we had coffee, but not the way you have today, the flavors and so on.

What has been a highlight of your time here?

Jerry: One of the things that I really enjoy that I think impacted my life here is the fact that on the student level, the students look at me a little different than an administrator or a faculty member. I’m more one of them. My door is always open to them, and they know that. We can have conversations that they may not want to share with someone else, but know that I can give them direction. You become a part of their life and they become a part of yours. There’s that special Taylor bond that you get, where you take the time for that student or whomever because you might not ever have the opportunity again.

You’ve dealt with quite the run of pranks in your time here: a Volkswagen Bug parked in front of the conveyor belt, a horse loosed in the DC, and the tables stacked in a pyramid. How did students get the VW inside?

Jerry: We figure with the double doors, you can pretty well do anything. So they carried it in, had it parked in front of the conveyor belt, which was really cute. So then I thought what I would do was the next morning, I’d just get a box, decorate it,

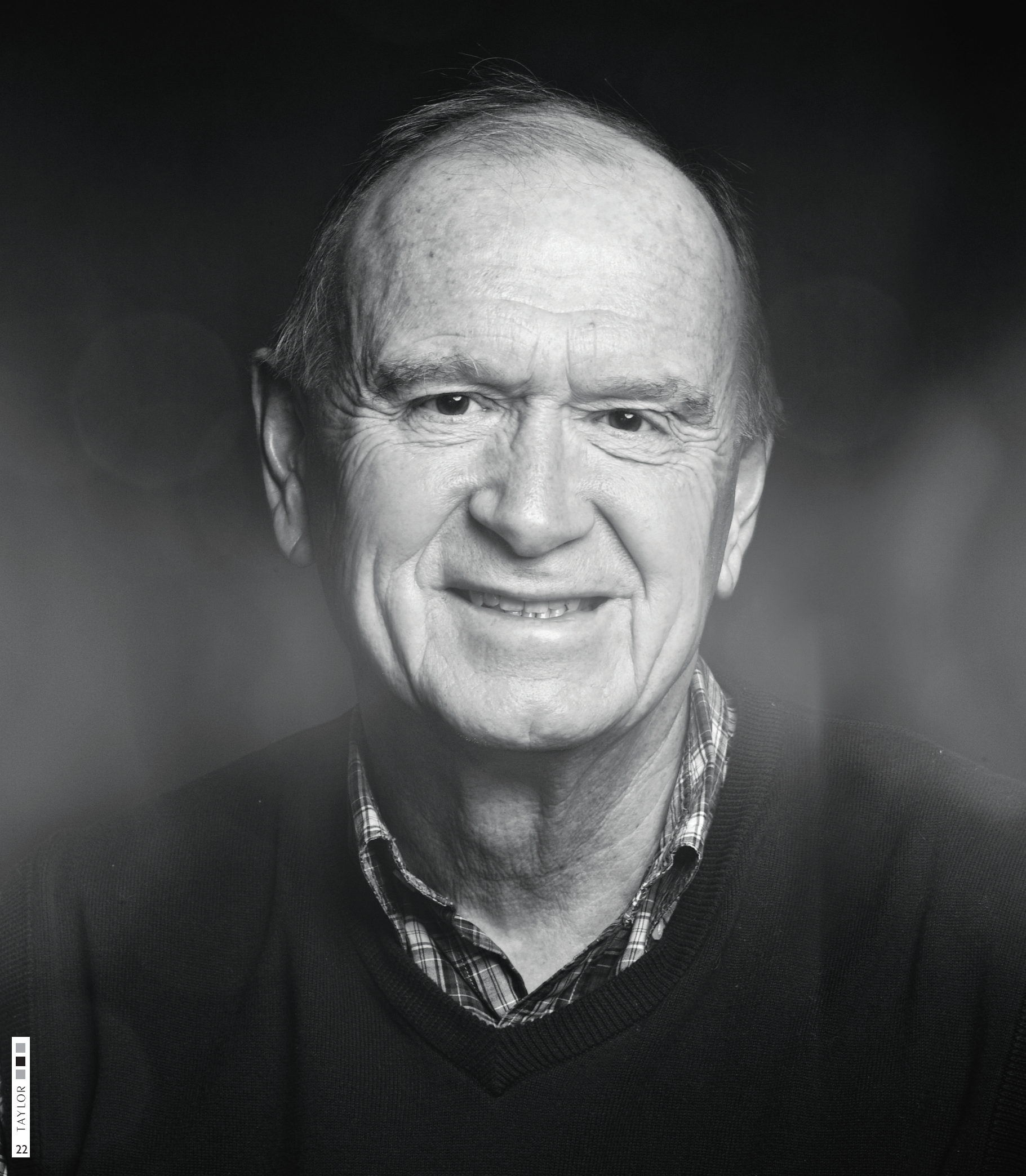
and have a raffle. The horse might have been cute, but could have been dangerous because of the glass ... that was not a smart thing. The tables – that took a lot of work. What’s amazing is that no one saw them do it, so it was well-planned.

What are some things you’re looking forward to in retirement?

Jerry: Actually having some time off. We have a historic home up north . . . We open it up to the public for the holidays and stuff . . . We’re looking forward to spending time with the family, and getting things done up there. Getting ready, enjoying it. And then probably look for a new adventure in my life. Change is good and there always comes a point in life when it’s time to do that.

What are you going to miss?

Jerry: Definitely the students, of course; faculty and staff – all of them. You know, this is my life. It has been my life: coming to campus, seeing the campus, walking into work, (and) seeing the employees. That will be missed deeply.



OBEDIENCE, GROWTH, PURPOSE

Felix Aguilar's life has been a series of building blocks, the previous layer serving as a foundation for the next. It began with his immigration to the United States, citizenship and service in the military, and led to his education, work in the nuclear energy industry and service at Taylor University.

It has been 14 years since Aguilar and his soul mate and partner of more than 45 years, Christa, answered God's call to leave the eastern seaboard for the Indiana prairieland, and now that he is retiring he plans to return to the east where he and Christa can enjoy the Atlantic Ocean once again.

Aguilar was born in Argentina and emigrated to the U.S. as a youth, achieving U.S. citizenship in 1967. After a hitch in the military, he earned degrees in mechanical engineering and mathematics from Virginia Tech and began work in the nuclear energy industry. First serving as a research engineer for Babcock & Wilcox in North Carolina, he later moved cross-country to Idaho and the National Engineering Laboratory where he programmed software in charge of accident analysis of coolant systems. Five years later he returned to Babcock & Wilcox and an administrative post.

His spiritual journey began at Babcock & Wilcox when a coworker introduced

him to Jesus. "I thought science and reason were incompatible with faith," Felix says, "but then the Lord just turned me around through a bunch of miraculous experiences." Aguilar's newfound faith led him to minister Christ's love to his fellow employees in the workplace.

In 1999, he sensed God's leading to retire from industry work to teach. But he hadn't planned on coming to Taylor until his daughter showed him an ad in Christianity Today. He wrote a letter and scheduled an interview without knowing much about Taylor. "We arrived on a Saturday afternoon and by Saturday night, my wife and I were convinced there's no way we were going to come here. We're big city people and we liked the East Coast. But the Lord did a number of wonderful things during that trip," Aguilar remembers. After teaching and guest lecturing the couple sensed God's calling to Taylor.

It was there Aguilar's previous experiences dovetailed well into his academic pursuits, leading to oversight, revamping and modernization of the systems curriculum and introduction of a service learning component. He also was instrumental in the development of the Systems Engineering program. "It really is unique where a student can virtually major in everything and then add systems onto that,"

Aguilar says. "What I realized is that from all my work experiences the Lord was preparing me perfectly to teach systems here."

And it was at Taylor that he and Christa were privileged to lead Lighthouse trips to Paraguay and India. During the India trip he was asked to preach nearly everywhere they visited.

One of the places they visited was a nursing college crowded with Christians, Hindus and Muslims. It was there Aguilar was asked to speak and was given little time to prepare his remarks. "I had to lean next to one of the girls on the team and say, 'Hey, can I borrow your Bible,' and I had maybe three minutes to prepare. I said, 'Oh Lord what am I going to preach?' and the Lord gave me a passage." When he had finished, 60 young women prayed to receive Christ into their hearts. "I was just blown away," Aguilar remembers. "It was just a wonderful experience and surprising to be used of the Lord in that way."



HARD IS GOOD. GOOD IS HARD

Coach Paul Patterson's Taylor Trojans had just finished a 40-point dismantling of cross-state rival Manchester and the players gathered in the locker room for a few final instructions before the left for the evening. Patterson had other ideas. After entering the room he told them to get dressed for a workout in the old Well, high above the Odle Arena floor. The reason? They had not gotten enough of a workout during the game.

"Coach Patterson always wanted just a little more, and a little more," reflected David Wayne '91, an All-American guard on that team nearly 25 years ago. "Not to sound too harsh, the metaphor I would use is he was like an Army drill sergeant. We did not always understand what he was doing, but he did it knowing the troops he was training were going into enemy territory and asked to do battle."

Patterson retired at the conclusion of the academic year. Since taking over the program in 1979 his teams compiled 734 wins, 15 conference championships, 14 appearances in the NAIA National Tournament, two trips to the Sweet 16 and one Final Four appearance. His Trojan teams compiled 28 winning seasons – during 23 of those seasons the team won at least 20 games. From 1984-1994, Patterson's teams enjoyed 10-straight seasons of at least 25 victories.

On his watch, the program produced 24 NAIA All-Americans and a number of alumni who now are in the coaching profession. Patterson received 12 Coach-of-the-Year honors and was named NAIA National Coach of the Year in 1991. He is a member of the NAIA, Hanover College and Grant County Halls of Fame.

"Hard is good. Good is hard." It was a quote of Patterson's borrowed by Steve Brooks '80, who played on Patterson's first team in 1979. After graduating, Brooks served two times as an assistant on Patterson's staff before moving to Indiana Wesleyan University where he built a powerhouse women's program that has won two national championships.

"For me personally I wouldn't be where I am at today if it wasn't for Coach," Brooks says. "One

of the lessons I learned, and I tried to carry it with me and build it into our program, is that everything is a process. God can use the process. God doesn't call us to be the best but God does call us to do our best every day. I think I've learned that working for Coach. You can't skip the stages just because it's hard – if you do, you miss the opportunity to grow."

"Thirty-four years ago I came to Taylor in a leap of faith that God had a plan for us here," Patterson remembered. "I felt the athletic world needed to see Christian men compete successfully on the world's terms and I thought we could do that on this level. I still believe that.

"Basketball at Taylor University is a unique experience – I wrote this the first month I was here on campus, 34 years ago," Patterson added, referring to the mission statement he wrote for the basketball program. "It is very demanding physically and mentally because we feel a burden to develop the talents God has given us to the fullest. Only through overcoming obstacles and working through adversity can we know the exhilaration of a climber as he reaches the peak or the thrill of the athlete as he does that which seemed impossible. This is Kingdom work."

"Coach mentored us, physically and mentally. The X's and O's weren't overly complicated but the attention to detail was always there," says Wayne. "He loved God and us enough to hold us to that standard (of excellence). We thank him for pushing us. We thank him for thinking about significance and not just salvation, to join in the battle that we might win enemy territory for God's eternal Kingdom. He loved us where we were, but he loved us even more to develop our character into who we were created to be.

"Like a great drill sergeant, we didn't always appreciate the lessons, but we appreciate them all the more now," Wayne said. "They say that the best sermon is a life lived for Jesus Christ. Thank you for being our example. Thank you for being our sergeant, and as we graduated, not only our drill sergeant but our friend."

FINISHING THE COURSE

TED BOWERS '73 RETIRED FROM TAYLOR'S COACHING STAFF IN MAY, AFTER COACHING WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TO THE NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEET. BOWERS JOINED TAYLOR'S STAFF AS A PART-TIME COACH IN 1988. THIS WAS HIS 12TH YEAR AS HEAD COACH OF THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS AND HIS 10TH YEAR TO COACH MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY.

BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, BOWERS ANSWERED A FEW QUESTIONS.

AS A COACH, YOU'RE EXPECTED TO TEACH YOUR RUNNERS, BUT HAS THAT EVER BEEN REVERSED? HAVE YOUR RUNNERS TAUGHT YOU ANYTHING?

Bowers: Lots. We've had kids – ages 18 to 20 – that have gone through a lot more than I have. We've had students in the last four years who've lost their dads. I didn't have to deal with that until I was 48 years old. There are people on our campus who have gone through a lot worse things than I have, and how they handled it is always something that caught my eye. They showed grace while dealing with really difficult situations. And every day, somebody without a lot of talent but with a lot of commitment accomplishes a lot.

WHAT IS A HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR COACHING CAREER?

Bowers: The first time I was able to coach one of our students to a National Championship was pretty special to me. As you go through a career, you never know how good of athletes you're going to get. You're only as good a coach as the students are able to commit to and able to fulfill. I've been able to coach some really talented people. My first national champion I was coaching directly was Jerry Armstrong in hurdles. He won like five individual titles. And recently having Henrietta [Carey] on our team – it's been awesome to coach somebody of that caliber.

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU HAVE LEARNED AS YOU'VE COACHED?

Bowers: Relationships are the most important thing. To the last meet this week, it's going to be more about spending time with students than about what we're going to accomplish. I'd like to think that's true in most of my life – people are important to me.

Taylor University is an exceptional place to work; I think that's because of the students I've been able to work with. Between that and my compadres in the Athletic Department, and the other coaches I have learned from, it has been an incredible experience for me.





BUILT UPON THE ANCHOR POINTS

It was better for Taylor to have Dr. Rediger than to have been given \$10 million. His colleagues had an enormous respect for him. **FROM TAYLOR UNIVERSITY THE FIRST 150 YEARS, BY DR. WILLIAM C. RINGENBERG '61**

"Imagine yourself in the Apollo 15 moon landing ship, Falcon, dropping toward Hadley Rille. At 150 feet you see a little dust. Then one hundred feet farther down the 'little' becomes a cloud, closing in like a thick blanket. The rest of the way you are on IFR – Instrument Flight Rules.

"The IFR approach functioned smoothly as we know. Yet society today is in the dust, fog and smoke of a difficult period foolishly abandoning its IFR in far more serious matters, scrapping verities and virtues, the very focal points around which we might build vital solutions." **ANCHOR POINTS, DR. MILO A. REDIGER**

On July 26 he would have turned 100. For many of the students who have attended Taylor University for the past quarter century, the name Dr. Milo A. Rediger '39 is the name under the stately painting in the Chapel/Auditorium that bears his name. Yet his impact is still felt today, 25 years after his passing.

Rediger served Taylor University for more than 40 years as a faculty member, administrator and eventually president. During his tenure Taylor received its first accreditation, and as president, he led Taylor during the most ambitious construction project in its history, building Wengatz and Olson Halls, the Reade Liberal Arts and Nussbaum Science Centers. And it was during his tenure that Taylor began the transformation from a school known solely for religious fervor to one built upon the pillars of academic excellence and the relentless pursuit of God.



During his inauguration in October 1986 Jay Kesler shared the stage with his wife, Janie, and mentor, Dr. Milo A. Rediger.

"At Taylor University we are deeply concerned about what we can do to change some of the trends and stop some of the erosion of values. We are committed to building on anchor points, which have to do with faith, with learning ... We make no bones about it. At Taylor we are committed to helping young people develop a sense of morality and a set of values ... We believe that clear moral and spiritual absolutes based on divine revelation must always be anchor points if we are to enjoy the favor of God and the confidence of men. A world in which anything goes will ultimately be a world in which nothing goes – and today's society has moved far down the road in that direction.

"This does not mean that we at Taylor think living can or should be reduced to formulae. It is oversimplification to call every area of life either black or white. Reason, understanding and honest discussion must be brought to bear on these broad and complex areas of non-absolutes. This is true Christian education as contrasted with indoctrination which is neither good teaching nor good Christianity." **ANCHOR POINTS, DR. MILO A. REDIGER**

"There are four men in my life who have been mentors. He was certainly the most important from a theological and educational viewpoint," re-

membered Dr. Jay Kesler '58, President Emeritus of Taylor. "One of his mantras was that Taylor was about education not indoctrination. He felt things should pause in our brains so we could think about them.

"He understood the importance of Christian higher education that was based on the premise, 'there is a God and He has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ,'" Kesler continued. "He was very opposed to education that was the transmission like a tape recorder. It was very hard to put him in a corner. He would be very anxious for you to come to your own conclusion,

and be humble about that as well. He used to say, 'We should be careful not to make God say things he did not say and to make science say things it did not say.'"

"Therefore, the religious, the Christian, is basic to the Taylor pattern, the Taylor concept. Notice we do not say the Taylor 'mold.' It is not our purpose to force anyone into a mold. But we do challenge every newcomer to our campus to understand and participate in the Taylor concept.

"Our aim is to express these emphases with a minimum of rules and a maximum of life-style and example. We are con-

vinced that building relationships – with God, with peers, with professors and with oneself – is basic to whatever goals a student may need or wish to achieve. All our efforts are geared to helping the student establish these relationships.” **ANCHOR POINTS, MILO A. REDIGER**

“I had decided to leave Taylor after my freshman year. It was a time when there was much turmoil at the university. We had planned a move to Fort Wayne and then cancelled it and the school itself just seemed to be without a rudder,” remembered Dr. Eugene B. Habecker '68, Taylor's president. “That was when Dr. Rediger invited me to come to his office. During that hour he unpacked his vision for Taylor University – what it could be, and the impact it could make for the Kingdom of God. I was hooked. If you will read Dr. Rediger's Anchor Points document, you will see that much of what he dreamed for Taylor University's place within God's kingdom either has been realized or is in the process of being realized.”

“Dr. Rediger believed in relating to students and having them relate to the materials. He believed it was harder to grade but it is important. He wanted students who came to Taylor to learn to think – to be unafraid and trust that truth will win out. God and truth are synonyms,” Kesler added.

“One of his lines he would occasionally use, maybe it was a conscious effort, but he would pray that we would be the kind of people God had in mind when he first made people. That always impressed me. More of a native statement – reject all ideas of God that make him less than the best man – God has to be at least as good as the best man we know.”

Footnote: Taylor officials say events designed to celebrate Milo A. Rediger's legacy are planned for this fall. Watch for more at www.taylor.edu.







WEEPING IN THE NIGHT, REJOICING IN THE MORNING

Jocelyn (Falck '99) Green's newest book *Widow of Gettysburg* coincides with the sesquicentennial anniversary of the American Civil War's epic battle. It grew from her desire to reach out to other women who, like she, had to learn to live with the uncertainty of being a military wife.

HOW DID YOU GET INTO WRITING FOR MILITARY WIVES?

As a newlywed Coast Guard wife living in Alaska, I craved biblical truth that shed light on my new life. I searched for a devotional book to nurture my spiritual growth while addressing the unique challenges of being a military wife. I didn't find it—so I decided to put one together myself.

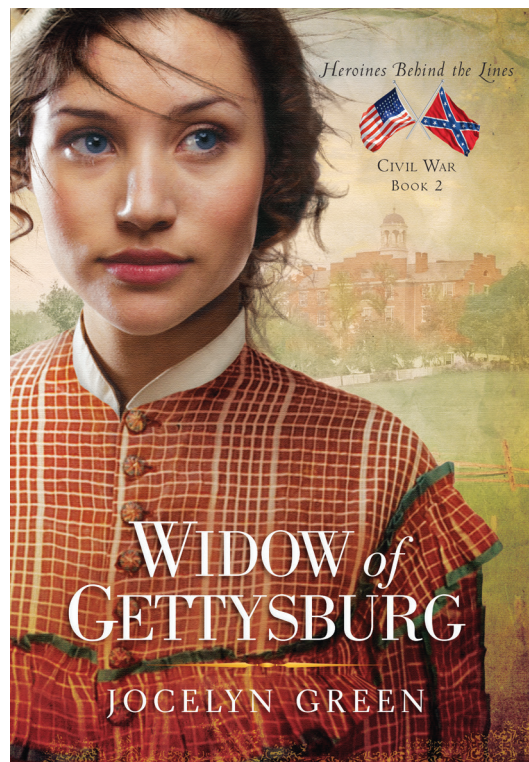
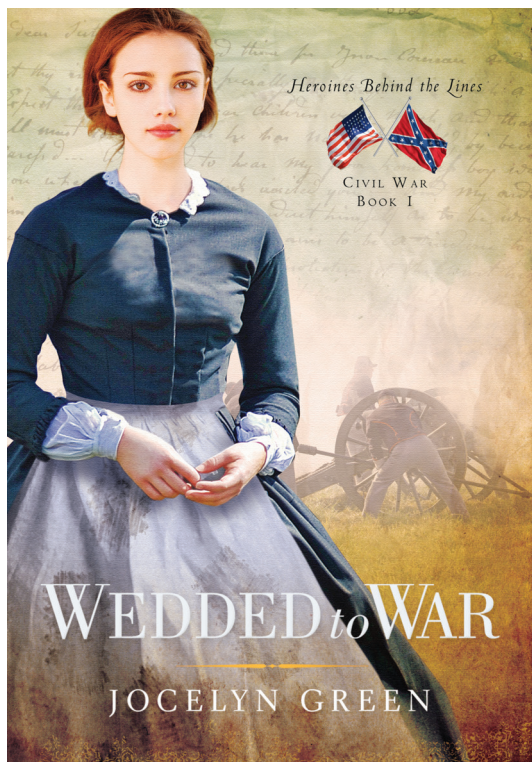
I recruited 14 other Christian military wives from all branches of service to contribute devotions speaking to the range of issues the military wife faces. It took three years to get a contract, and we were no longer active duty ourselves by that point, but it was worth the wait. *Faith Deployed: Daily Encouragement for Military Wives* was released by Moody Publishers in 2008.

AND THAT WAS THE START OF A SURPRISING MINISTRY THROUGH THE PRINTED WORD, WASN'T IT?

Yes. Surprising indeed, because I thought when I had children, my writing would end. But God has truly blessed. I signed 12 contracts during the last five years. Our kids are now seven and four years old. My goal with all of my books is to build up the reader by inspiring faith and courage.

WHY IS SUPPORTING MILITARY WIVES SO IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Once you're a part of the military community, your heart stays there. Military families sacrifice so much for us, and by supporting the military spouse at home, we are also supporting the service member in a very meaningful way. So



Jocelyn (Falck '99) Green is an award-winning author who seeks to inspire faith and courage in her readers through both fiction and nonfiction. A former military wife, she offers encouragement and hope to military wives worldwide through her Faith Deployed ministry. She is an active member of several professional writing associations.

many of us show our support for the troops with bumper stickers and care packages and prayer, and all of those are good things. But when we help care for the home front, it takes pressure off the deployed spouse, and gives the spouse at home more energy to care for her family in the way that only she can. You wouldn't believe what a huge difference it makes for military spouse when someone mows her lawn, brings her a meal, or watches her kids so she can get a break.

WHAT DID BEING PART OF THE MILITARY TEACH YOU ABOUT COMMUNITY THAT TRANSLATES TO CIVILIAN LIFE?

Just jump right into it. Military families move every two or three years on average, so there's no time to waste waiting for others to make the first move, or spending a year "church shopping." Plugging into a community is vital to our emotional and spiritual well-being. Building others up is good for us, too. Isolation breeds depression, so get out there. When we are in community, we inevitably take our eyes off of ourselves and our own problems. Second Corinthians 1:4 tells us that God comforts us in all our troubles so we can turn around and use that same comfort to help someone else going through a similar valley. That's something we can all do with each other.

WHERE DOES WRITING FICTION FIT INTO ALL OF THIS?

Some people are encouraged through devotions. Others are encouraged by stories as long as they illuminate truth, as Jesus's parables did. My novels *Wedded to War* and *Widow of Gettysburg* are both based on true stories of women's contributions during the Civil War, and show faith in action during the most trying circumstances. This *Heroines behind the Lines* series is written for all women, regardless of military connection.

WHAT IS THE UNDERLYING THEME OF EVERYTHING YOU WRITE?

Jesus is bigger than your pain. He is bright enough to scatter the deepest darkness. So far, all of my books deal with war. Doing the research for both nonfiction and fiction has required me to go to some very dark places of unspeakable suffering and loss and grief. It's hard to be so immersed in this topic for years on end. So why do I do it? I do it because there is hope through Jesus, and triumph, and new life.

I write about the hard pieces of our history to show how great our God is. It's easy to say God is good when life is great. But how much more powerful is it to still offer that sacrifice of praise when you feel like a modern-day Job? I have researched so many of our nation's wars, and in every generation, I have found believers who have suffered, but because of their trust in God, they echo the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9. "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

The theme verse of *Widow of Gettysburg* is Psalm 30:5: "Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." This is the truth God has shown me over and over again. It's the truth I hope my readers will cling to, as well.



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A cross-pollinated azalea garden planted by Dr. Andy Whipple '99 and his biology students reaches its peak each mid-June. Planted near the Memorial Prayer Chapel and Brad's Bridge, the display grows more vibrant with each passing year.

AlumniNotes

1929

01 Dorothy (Collins) Miller celebrated her 106th birthday March 8, 2013. Her family, **Dr. Louise Miller '69**, **Dr. Lynn '65** and **Irmgard (Holz '65) Miller**, and granddaughter **Kristin (Miller '92) Kytta** were all present to celebrate Dorothy's life and accomplishments.

1939

02 William Hoke published three books, all memoirs, which are now available for purchase on Amazon. The books are titled, *A Rich Heritage*, *A Rich Retirement*, and *A Rich Mosaic*.

1944

03 Dr. James Bertsche passed away February 27, 2013. Jim and his wife **Jenny (Shuppert'45)**, who survives, served in mission work in Africa for almost 37 years with the Congo Inland Mission. Their work included village itineration, teaching, preaching, mentoring new personnel, translation work and legal representation for the mission. Jim also served stateside for 12 years as the Executive Secretary of the Mission. He is also survived by children **Sandra Bertsche '72** and **Tim Bertsche '78**, grandson **David Bertsche'07**, and sister **Ruth (Bertsche '47) Covington**.

1949

Rev. Harold W. Zart died March 10, 2013, in Sevierville, Tenn. He was a retired Methodist minister and is survived by his daughter **Sally (Zart '67) Shell**.

1950

04 Hal Copley's wife Ruth passed away February 16, 2013. God blessed Hal and Ruth with nearly 62 years of marriage and two children, who also survive.

1951

Herb Nygren and his wife Louise recently moved to the Windsor Park retirement facility in the suburbs of Chicago.

1953

05 Marjorie (Hutchins) Blake passed April 12, 2013, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, Ind. She

is survived by her husband **Dr. Floyd Blake '52**. Marjorie was active in her church and partnered in ministry side-by-side with her husband. She worked for many years as an RN at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Ind.

1958

Phyllis Engle has retired after 42 years of service with Brethren in Christ World Missions in Zambia and Zimbabwe as a librarian in a teachers college and two theological colleges. She lives at Messiah Village, a retirement community in Mechanicsburg, Penn., and is employed part-time in the archives at Messiah College.

1960

Joe and Carolyn (Cloer) Wagner attended Taylor's Grandparents Day April 26 to spend time with their four grandchildren, **Jordan Wagner '13**, **Jared Wagner '14**, **Allyson Horine '15** and **Justus Wagner '16**. Joe and Carolyn's children, **Sandra (Wagner '85) Horine** and **Richard Wagner '88** are also Taylor graduates. Joe and Carolyn spent 25 years as coordinators of Operation Classroom, a United Methodist mission program in Liberia and Sierra Leone in West Africa. Joe now serves as a mission consultant.

1961

Ray Bachman recently released his sixth book, *The King and I*, the story of his life lived with Jesus as

King. His previous books have included studies on Bible prophecy, a disciple study in the Book of Acts, and two devotional books. You can read about his ministry and order his books on his website www.morningstarmin.org. Ray and his wife Jeanne live in Mountain Home, Ark.

1964

Rosalie Bowker retired after 40 years as a missionary in South Korea. She serves as organist at Huntertown United Methodist Church in Huntertown, Ind., and leads a handbell choir for senior citizens at the church. • **06 Ron Scott** passed away April 19, 2013, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. For many years Ron worked and traveled the world for 3M. He was also a former board member of Fort Wilderness Camp, and served as a deacon and elder for his church in Wheaton, Ill. He was also a passionate member and planner of the Class of 1964 reunion committee. Ron is survived by his wife **Beverly (Peterson '65) Scott**.

1969

Heather (Klassen) Ewald lives in Kirkland, Wash., where she serves as the AWANA Sparks director at her church. Heather also works with Good News clubs during the week. Both she and her husband Roger are involved in missions and have their own Bible ministry called Tel-A-Story. Her email is roger.heather@yahoo.com, and she would love to hear from any alumni in the area. • **Richard Poland**



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entered into a four-year phased-retirement contract with Flagler College where he will teach a seminar class on Mondays and Tuesdays as a full professor. He will subsequently retire from his position as pre-law program director.

1971

07 Ted Schwartz died May 6, 2013. He taught art in Portland (Ind.) and South Adams schools for 41 years and touched the lives of many young people. He was also the co-owner of F&S Painting, painting many buildings in the Berne, Ind., area during his summers. He is survived by his wife **Lana (Sprunger '71) Schwartz** and two sons.

1972

08 David Brown and his wife Janet recently traveled to Rwanda to visit widows and orphans served by a small charity with which Janet is involved. While visiting a co-op for impoverished farmers, David sensed the Lord's leading to give his Taylor cap to one of the farmers who only had an old, ragged one. David has retired from teaching and he and Janet plan to work overseas with Operation Mobilization, possibly in Moldova, beginning in September. • **Jim Hopkins** retired from the Decatur (Ind.) Daily Democrat after 37 years as sports editor. He is now a part time sports writer and serves on the Taylor University Hall of Fame Athletic Committee. He lives in Decatur.



Coming to a location near you...



The first half of 2013 found Taylor Alumni, parents and friends from across the country gathering in diverse locations to celebrate their Taylor experiences and learn what Taylor is doing now.

Taylor on the Road, a new Alumni and Parent Relations event series, drew an average of 60 people to each of 11 locations, including Los Angeles, Denver, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Fort Lauderdale.

Each gathering had social times, information sharing and feedback

opportunities. President Eugene B. Habecker '68 attended each event and gave updates on the University; attendees were encouraged to reflect on their Taylor experiences and provide feedback on what Taylor could do to encourage them to live faithfully.

The first event took place in Los Angeles in January. The last was in Denver in May. Taylor officials say event locations for next year could include Dallas, New York City, Grand Rapids and Atlanta.



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1974

01 Joan (McLaughlin) Shrader, Linda Gundlach and Sheri (Poehler '75) Thompson reunited for the first time in over 30 years in Lakeland, Fla., at Linda's home. The three shared lots of laughs while looking over old photo albums and yearbooks and playing Wii games until 2:00 a.m. Joan resides in Hartford City, Ind., with her husband Gary '74. Sheri and her husband Denny '73 live in Central Lake, Mich.

1977

Jay and Ruth (Faul) Smith celebrate the courage, faith and steadfastness of their son Samuel, 25, who died after a seven-month battle with Burkitt's lymphoma. Sam lived a full life and was a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Air Force. He inspired all who cared for him during his treatment at the Cleveland Clinic. The Smiths are grateful he is safely home with his Savior, Jesus. • **02** Vicki (Norris) Young is a substitute teacher in elementary and middle schools in Coos County, Ore. She regularly sings with her church worship team and attends Bible studies. Vicki and her husband Buddy have nine grandchildren and Buddy works as a sargent for the City of North Bend, Ore.

1979

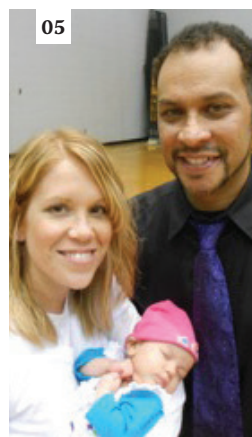
Bruce Grabenkort is the Assistant Vice President and Relationship Manager at First Merit Bank in Mt. Prospect Ill.

1980

Andrew Finley has completed graduate work at several prestigious photography schools. He completed a Bachelor of Arts degree with an art major and a concentration in photography from Thomas Edison State College in December 2011. He later completed a graduate certificate program in instructional systems design and a master's degree in education with a concentration in training and instruction from Trident University International in 2012. Additionally, Andrew is an award-winning graduate of the New York Institute of Professional Photography and the USDA Graduate School New Leader Program. Andrew and his wife Cindy are co-founders of Gratitude Path Books Publishing and have published the first two books in a planned series of six children's books. • **Mike Rogers** is retiring from Wes-Del Middle School after teaching science to 7th and 8th graders for 33 years. He plans to continue some form of part-time work after his retirement. He and his wife Vickie live in Muncie, Ind.

1981

Tim and Jeannie (Gerig '78 TUFW) Johnson have returned to Fort Wayne, Ind., after 25 years in Japan with TEAM Mission. Tim works as Director of Pastoral Care for the Central Region of the Missionary Church.



1984

03 A recent TU girlfriend reunion in Sandestin, Fla., brought together a merry group of women to celebrate milestone birthdays. They included: Back row: **Suzi (Beers) Harrison, Brenda (Baird '85) Wesbury, Kerri Dunkelberger '85, Lora (Muthiah) Helton and Sheri (Flesner '85) Dishman.** Front row: **Sandie (Soderquist) Ford, Lori (Hatteberg) Cook, Lorene (Muthiah '85) Coffey, Colleen (Wild) Terrell** and **Ilene Walton**, wife of **Brian Walton**.

1985

Bonnie (Brown) Thompson works as an upper school librarian at Westminster Academy in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She and her husband Greg have been married 28 years and are the proud parents of three grown children: Faith (25), Jesse (23) and Hope (21).

1986

Melissa McGrath was recently promoted to the Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks as a trademark administrative specialist. She lives in Washington D.C. and would love to connect with other Taylor alumni in the area. Her e-mail is melissa.mcgrath@uspto.gov.

1990

David Day graduated from the FBI National Academy March 22, 2013. The Academy is an exclusive 10-week program for police officers in Quantico, Virg. Less than one percent of police officers worldwide are accepted to this program. David was elected as one of six class leaders from a class of 278. He lives in Marion, Ind., with his wife Tami and sons Tanner and Nicky and is a 20-year veteran of the Marion Police Department, serving as deputy police chief for the last nine-and-one-half years. • **George Offenhauser** of Highland Hills, Mich., completed a storybook journey that started last summer by taking first place in his category at the prestigious BMW Golf Cup international tournament in George, South Africa, in March 2013. Golf legend Gary Player recognized George and the other category winners during a

special awards ceremony following the competition. George also led the United States team to a fourth-place finish out of 49 competing countries. • **04 Steve Wolfe** competed in his first mini-marathon, the Fort4Fitness in Fort Wayne, Ind., alongside **Darrel Hotmire '89** in September 2012.

1993

05 Tommy Jones and his wife Jenny welcomed their first child, daughter Isley Helena, into the world Jan. 4, 2013. The family lives in Durham, N.C., where Tommy serves as both a teacher and boys' basketball coach at Carrboro High School. •

06 Charity Singleton married Steven Craig Dec. 28, 2012. Charity works as an editor and freelance writer, as well as a data analyst and marketing specialist for CIPROMS, Inc. in Indianapolis, Ind.

1994

Jon Thies and his wife Tara welcomed their son Devon Nelson Oct. 16, 2012. Devon joins siblings Noah (12), Aubrey (10) and Kalyn (8).

1995

Cassie (Boyd) Baker is a voice actor and lives in Los Angeles, Calif., with her husband Brian. She is excited to partner with Taylor University in mentoring students who travel to LA for the semester to intern in the entertainment industry. • **Matt Jeffrey** and his wife Tracy are proud parents of daughter Grace Lynn Jeffrey, who was born on Jan. 29, 2012. She joins big brother Josh (4).

1996

07 Sara (Oyer) Hall and her husband Lee celebrated the birth of their son, Christian, Oct. 23, 2012. Christian joins big sisters Elaina (4), and Sylvia (3). Sara would love to hear from any TU alumni in the Pacific Northwest. Her e-mail is sjo1972@hotmail.com. • **Eric Mathiasen** completed requirements for a Master of Liberal Arts, Information Technology degree at the Harvard University Extension School in May 2013.

1997

08 Deonne Beron married Tom Lindsey on Oct.

REMEMBERING TWO TAYLOR LEGENDS



Legendary Taylor professors William (Bill) A. Ewbank and Dr. Frances White Ewbank died only weeks apart last spring.

Bill Ewbank was born in Weymouth, England, and attended Wellington College. He joined the Army after graduation and was wounded in North Africa, earning the Military Cross for Bravery. He also served in Kenya during the Mau Mau Uprising. After his first wife died leaving him with two daughters, he left the Army to teach mathematics in Yateley.

He married Dr. Frances White in 1964 and moved with his children to the United States. He and Frances joined the faculty at Taylor where he established one of the first math labs in the United States. A devoted Christian of the Anglican tradition, Professor Ewbank promoted daily Bible reading as a member of the Scripture Union.

Frances Ewbank was born in Detroit, Mich., in 1916, and attended Wayne State University during The Great Depression. During teaching service at Wheaton College (Ill.), she met future missionary Jim Elliot, one of five missionaries who died in Ecuador at the hands of Waodani tribesmen; his story was dramatized in the major motion picture *End of the Spear*.

At Taylor, she received the Distinguished Professor Award and her course based on the writings of C.S. Lewis led to a permanent honor: the Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C.S. Lewis and Friends, an annual event at Taylor.

The Ewbanks' survivors include daughters Wendy and Heather, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and Frances' sister Nancy (Rex) McConnell.

Memorial contributions may be made to Taylor University, Officers Christian Fellowship (US), the Armed Forces Christian Union (UK) or the Upland United Methodist Church Missions Fund.

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1, 2011, in Lansing, Mich. Taylor attendees included **Carrie (Pletcher) French** and **Molly (Piersma) King**. The couple now makes their home in Lansing where Deonne is a freelance writer. • **01 Alison (Ritter) Biek** and her husband Jason live in South Bend, Ind., where Jason works as a firefighter and Allison enjoys the challenges and successes of homeschooling their children Gideon (10), Mikaela (8) and Ezekiel (5).

1998

Jason and Shelley (Gault '99) Colley are the proud parents of three children, Michaela (8), Jameson (6) and Josiah (2). Jason is a social studies teacher at LaGrange Highlands Middle School, and Shelley is a bookkeeper at Arborsmith, Ltd. The family lives in Palatine, Ill.

1999

02 Sarah (King) Bontrager and her husband **Jeff** joyfully celebrated the birth of Isabella Anne, born in June 2012. Isabella joins brothers Ethan (10), Samuel (6) and Benjamin (3). Sarah and Jeff recently relocated the family to Golden, Colo., where Jeff is an internal medicine hospitalist with Sound Physicians, and also serves as an urgent care pediatrician with the University of Colorado. Sarah is now a licensed marriage and family therapist associate with a private practice. The family loves hiking, camping and skiing. • **Lesley (Meece) Green** and her husband Ron have two children, Logan Charles (6), and Dylan Robert (1). The family lives in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

2000

Elayne (Powell) Cabrera and her husband David welcomed their first child, Lucas Philippe, into the world on Nov. 26, 2012. Lucas has a great Taylor heritage through his mother, grandparents **Larry**



'72 and **JoAnne (Metcalf '72) Powell** and great-grandparents the late Coburn and **Modelle (Holt '45) Metcalf**, for whom the Metcalf Visual Arts Center is named. Elayne works with post-secondary students at Ohio Christian University. The couple lives in Grove City, Ohio. • **03 Aaron and Mindy (Benteman '99) Lerch** adopted Raya Lerch into their family in December 2012. Raya is from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and has blessed the family beyond measure. She joins Hannah (9), and Jadon (7) and Philip (3). • **Joel Sonnenberg** and his wife Maria welcomed Alana Joelle into the world on Dec. 13, 2012. Alana joins big sister Abigail (2).

2001

J.R. Briggs is currently under contract with InterVarsity Press for two book projects to be published in 2014. • **Devon (Trevarrow) Flaherty** published her first novel, *Benevolent*, released March 2013 through her own independent publishing company, Owl and Zebra Press. The book is available in paperback and e-book versions. For more information visit www.benevolentthenovel.com.

• **04** An Easter 2013 gathering of Taylor alumni brought together **Matt Oquist, Jonathan Claggett '96, Michael Sterrett '96, Aaron Brooks, Tiffany (Heimbaugh) Brooks '98, Mindelynn Young, April (Hunter) Claggett '95 and Jennifer (Bergens) Oquist '00** along with their families and friends. The group has been meeting for the past several years. The event is an Indian food pot-luck dinner. This year they added the tradition of having a Lego Easter egg hunt where the children hunt for eggs filled with Lego pieces rather than candy.

2002

Dr. Abram J. Bicksler is the recipient of the Charles C. Stewart International Young Humanitarian Award. Abram works as the director of Sustainability Research for the International Sustainable Development Studies Institute in Chiang, Mai, Thailand. He was honored for his work on sustainable tropical agriculture in Thailand and Cambodia, which has the potential to make a significant contribution to alleviating hunger and poverty among farming communities throughout

Asia. Abram also works with the ECHO Asia Impact Center, which provides technical support for individuals and organizations working in agriculture and community development. • **05 Erin (Diffin) Brighty** and her husband Jami celebrated the arrival of Jackson Alexander May 4, 2012. Alexander joins brother Aidan (3). The family lives in Chicago, Ill., where Erin teaches third grade students in Wilmette, Ill. • **06 Suzanne (Johnson) Satterlee** and her husband Travis were blessed with twins Gavin Parker and Annika Hope March 18, 2013. The family resides in Oak Park, Ill. • **07 Heather (Jaggers) and Joel '99 Sommer** celebrated the birth of their son, Tate Charles, March 8, 2012. The family lives in Carmel, Ind.

2003

08 Seth Bartal and his wife Kari became parents of a daughter, Madelyn Grace, December 3, 2012. • **09 Mike and Becky (Painter '02) Kenney** were blessed with their daughter Emma Faith May 30, 2012. The family lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., where





WELCOME

Marty (Cleveland '78) Songer is the newest member of the Taylor Board of Trustees. She serves as a Vice President at Avis Industrial Corporation and was a longtime member of the Taylor alumni department from 1991 to 2013.

She graduated from Taylor in 1978 and earned a Masters of Science Degree from Indiana Wesleyan in 2002.

She is the mother of two daughters, Allison (Songer '01) Shelley and Loralee '04, and grandmother for two.

Becky works part time as a high school counselor and Mike works in the family real estate business, Kenny and Company. The couple will celebrate their 10th anniversary this year. • **Michael Poorman**, his wife Alison and their children Modelyn Jane (7) and Caleb Michael (4), live in Fishers, Ind. Michael works at Grace Community Church as the director of Grace Kids Company.

2004

01 Megan (Parks '04) Allison and her husband Timothy welcomed future Taylor student Noah into the family on Jan. 16, 2013. The family resides in Glendale, Ariz. • **02 Melanie Brumbaugh** married Jed Hefner Dec. 29, 2012, in Indianapolis, Ind. Taylor grads in the wedding party included matron of honor **Allison (Easterhaus) Honeycutt '07** and bridesmaid **Rebekah Deal '08**. The couple lives in Midland, Mich. • **Jared Cheek** started a small record label named Flannelgraph Records in 2009. The company does small runs of records on multiple formats (12" vinyl, CDs, cassette tapes and digital). The titles are available worldwide via their

distribution partner Crossroads of America Records. On April 30 his company officially released the debut EP Via Vegrands for **Jared Bane '06**. • **Zac Henderson** recently changed jobs from the Federal Savings Bank to Compass Mortgage as a mortgage loan officer. He lives in Wheaton, Ill. with his wife **Taylor (Long) Henderson**.

2005

03 Shawn and Ruth (Della-Croce '06) Burford welcomed Lucy Kayelyn into the world on Oct. 12, 2012. She has blessed them with her happy spirit and joyful smile. • **04 Rebecca Runyon** married Kyle Moore June 9, 2012, in Carmel, Ind. The couple met at their church in Carmel and currently live in the community. Rebecca is employed by Carmel Clay Schools as a 6th grade math and science teacher and Kyle is a pilot for Southwest Airlines. Attending their wedding were many Taylor alumni: **Bethany (Riggs) Gisel, Heather (Docter) Amargo, Gloria Fahim '04, Adrien '03 and Katie (Macukas) Chabot, Austin and Linda (Brate) Kirchhoff, Ross Ringenberg, Troy Michels, Fred and Megan (Koch**



'06) **Cline, Cyrus Keck '06, Grant Hollis '04, Jenny Courter '07, Becca Schultz, David and Christy (Conrad) DeCamp, Jon '06 and Linsey (Taaties '07) Bont and Kathy Forbes '01.**

2006

• **05 Trista Hartman** married Dan Hackney Oct. 27, 2012, in Cleveland, Ohio. Taylor friends in the wedding included **Sarah (Edwards) Cain** and **Ann (Parker) Pace**.

2007

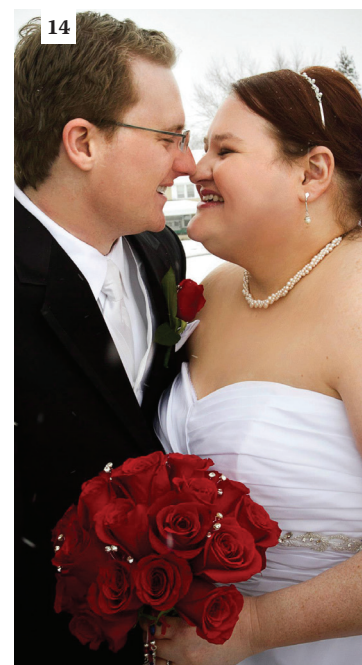
• **06 Dan and Mia (Wales) Blocher** celebrated the birth of future Trojan Landon Michael Aug. 14, 2012. Landon joined his big sister, Chloe Grace (2). Dan is the office manager at Manchester Tool and Die in North Manchester, Ind. Mia is a stay-at-home mom. The family currently resides in Huntington, Ind. • **Meghan (Hand) Brock** and her husband Chris recently moved to Plainfield, Ind. Chris will be working at Aero Engine Controls, a subsidiary of Rolls-Royce. • **07 Brandon and Elizabeth (Kuhns) House** adopted their first

child, Demetrius, in December 2012. They live in Indianapolis where Brandon is a 5th grade teacher and Elizabeth is a school social worker. • **08 Sheena Perera** married **Matt Herrmann '08** Dec. 27, 2012 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Matt has been accepted into the MFA Photography and Video Program at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan, N. Y. The couple will move there in August 2013. • **09 David and Heather (Young) Ricca** were blessed by the birth of their son, Benjamin Dennis, March 29, 2013. The family lives in Plainfield, Ill. • **Gabrielle (Henderson) Lichtenheld** and her husband Brad celebrated the birth of Gwendolyn Tana Aug. 15, 2012. The family lives in Wheaton, Ill.

2008

• **10 Vanessa Fereshetian** and Daniel Mallory entered into the covenant of marriage Jan. 19, 2013, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lewiston, Maine. Vanessa teaches 7th and 8th grade science and Dan is studying occupational therapy. The couple lives in Manchester, Maine, with their cat, Pork. • **Rachel King** graduated from Drexel University Earle Mack

School of Law on May 17, 2013. • **11 Daniel and Lane (Anderson) Koch** welcomed their first child, Langley Elizabeth, into the world Jan. 3, 2013. The Kochs live in Chesterfield, Mo., where Dan works as assistant manager at the Shane Company and Lane serves as Senator Roy Blunt's small business liaison. • **Christianna Luy** was named the Chamberlain Scholar for the Southeastern AFP region and received a full scholarship to attend the AFP International Conference in San Diego in April 2013. • **12 Meagan Seymour** married Stephen Balsley March 24, 2012. Bridesmaids included **Christa Krehbiel '10**. The couple currently resides in Mission Viejo, Calif., where Megan has been working for a legal services company and Stephen works as a camera technician/technical support for RED Digital Cinema. • **13 Amy Watkins** married Major Samuel Mantravadi July 21, 2012. Bridesmaids included **Emily (Nofzinger) Skoglund, Anna Daniels '09, and Othella Morris. Emily Watkins '12** was the maid of honor. • **14 Zach and Amanda Whitesel** were married December 29, 2012, at the Frankton First United Methodist Church in



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"AND THEN JESUS SORT OF TAKES A BREATH — YOU CAN ALMOST FEEL HIM DO THAT — AND HE SAYS, 'AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

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Frankton, Ind. Taylor friends in the wedding party included **Benjamin Diener '09**, **Andrew Finch '10**, and **Matthew Helmholtz '07**. Zach is the assistant controller for Indiana Wesleyan University and Amanda works as a graphic designer for the Yellow Pages Group. The couple resides in Marion, Ind.

2009

Taylor Barkley works as an outreach associate for technology policy in the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. • **Katelyn Bennett** is a plastic surgery resident at the University of Michigan. She moved to Ypsilanti, Mich., in June. • **Andrew Marston** and two friends took a 3500km, 43 day cycle journey across the entire length of Japan one month after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami to raise \$13,000 of relief aid for quake victims. In May, Andrew released a documentary of the trip along with a 230 page free eBook. The daily trip journal and video diaries are available at japanbybicycle.com. • **Jenna McCullough** works for the Language Training Center as an English as a Second Language instructor. They work with many relocation entities that service pharmaceutical companies in Indianapolis. She teaches children through adult professionals and helps them culturally adjust to the United States. • **Megan Percy** graduated in June 2013 with a Masters of Divinity degree from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. • **Nick Rodemann** and **Tyler Goss '08** are co-founders

of The Signal, Webby-Honoree media review site, at FollowtheSignal.com. The company is based in Glendale, Calif.

2010

01 Kelsie Hampshire and **Ben Goller '09** were married in Orlando, Fla., June 15, 2012. Taylor alumni in the wedding party included **Katie Willmarth**, **Josiah Hatfield '09**, **Taylor Barkley '09**, **Rachel Brown** and **Matt Reno '09**. Also in attendance were many other Taylor friends, including **Laura Brocker '09**, **Jorjette (Heid) '09 Hatfield**, **Brent Fannin**, **Emily Mudge**, **Krista (Hanson) Kelbe** and **Jenni (Binion) Strycker**. Ben and Kelsie live in West Palm Beach, Fla., and work at Palm Beach Atlantic University.

2011

02 Sarah Billman, **Katie (Mathers) Velting**, **Katelin Jones**, **Kayla Birt**, **Jessi Byl** and **Anna Kaihoi** all lived at the Hayes House during their senior year at Taylor. May 4 – 8 they met for a reunion in Perdido Key in the Florida panhandle. They decided to take this trip before Jessi and **Travis Tomaszewski '12** were married at the end of May.

2012

JuOae Chang has been accepted into a PhD program at Northeastern University. He has also published an abstract about how mutations in the

HFE gene cause an elevated level of anxiety in mice as a first author for the Toxicology Society. • **03 Ann Schuette** and **Ben Westrate** were married September 15, 2012, in the woods on Trout Lake in Northern Wisconsin. Ben is the son of **Bill Westrate '82**. Taylor wedding participants included **Jack Davies**, **Erika Hapner**, **Jessica Hussey**, **Amy Malinowski**, **Daniel Rodman**, **Sam Schuette '16**, **Kayce Swofford**, **Cade Weston**, **Katie Westrate '11** and **Natalie Wisely '13**. The couple lives in Highwood, Ill. Ben works in downtown Chicago for CITYTECH, Inc., and Ann is in the MDiv program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. • **04 Christine Williams** and **Karl Anderson** were married August 18, 2012. The Andersons live in Mount Prospect, Ill. Karl is an instructional assistant in a first grade classroom and Christine works in student ministries at The Orchard Evangelical Free Church. **05 Jon and Meagan (Cerquitella) Lingenhoel** rejoice as they announce the birth of Saphira, February 8, 2013. Jon and Meagan were living in Hungary when Saphira was born but are moving back to the United States this summer.

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Robust in love

It was in Denver where Marylou and I were privileged to take part in a Taylor alumni gathering when a young alumnus from the Class of 2007 told me his story, and it continues to reverberate in my mind and heart. For four years he sat in chapel with five of his best friends. They enjoyed excellent discussions on issues that were close to their hearts and wrestled with Biblical faith and its implications for their lives. But then they graduated. And now, he looks around to find, not his five best friends, but five strangers with whom there is no relationship. And as he pursues those relationships, he realizes that each or some of them may, or may not eventually become close friends like those from Taylor.

There are many factors that combined to make Taylor what it was for this young man and all the others in the room that evening: Biblically informed course curricula, Godly professors and staff persons, and of course our intentional community. Yet community is a public domain word – it is not unique to Taylor. I think every enterprise has the opportunity to define community in ways that provide meaning and uniqueness and direction for what it aspires to. It is a noun, but at Taylor, we want it to be more than a noun; we also want it to be an action word. We want our actions here at Taylor to exude the very best qualities of what God calls us to be from the Scripture.

One of our primary roadmaps for Taylor’s intentional community is our Life Together Covenant, also known as the LTC. Yet some roll their eyes at mention of the LTC. I believe that is because of the view that our Life Together Covenant is only a list of “don’ts.” People skip over the Biblically-informed first part of our LTC, which provides us a list of behaviors and actions encouraged for all us. Our walk with God and our covenant living at Taylor should be defined more by those things for which we are asked to aspire to: building up one another, making allowance for each other, caring for and respecting each other, speaking the truth in love and being reconciled with one another.

You probably recognize Scriptural language within those callings. That’s because we have looked to the Scriptures as bedrock foundational teachings of what it is like to live in community. Thus, the Life Together Covenant is our attempt, with care and humility, to articulate how we will embrace these bedrock teachings – be they Jesus’ teachings or those of other New Testament writers. In essence, the Scriptures provide a guide for what we hope intentional community would look like at Taylor.

Jesus Himself said people should know we are followers of Christ because of the love we have for one another. Opening the fourth chapter of Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesus gives just one of many possible ways this love is lived out. I like how Eugene Petersen puts it in *The Message*: “God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love – like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.”

I have said this often: we are not a perfect community and we never will be. Our flaws are self-evident. If you are looking for perfection, you are looking in the wrong place. But what we aspire to is authenticity and realness. And that realness gets messy. Nevertheless, we continue to strive to reach for the goal to which Christ calls us, and to that end, we aspire to live, love and learn together. Our prayer is that our Lord will always guide us in that journey.



Dr. Eugene B. Habecker '68 serves as president of Taylor University.

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Classes of 2007/2008/2009 (5-year) Reunion Cookout	Saturday, 12:00 noon
Classes of 2002/2003/2004 (10-year) Reunion Cookout	Saturday, 12:30 p.m.
Classes of 1997/1998/1999 (15-year) Reunion Cookout	Saturday, 12:30 p.m.
Classes of 1992/1993/1994 (20-year) Reunion Reception	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Classes of 1987/1988/1989 (25-year) Reunion Dinner	Saturday, 5:15 p.m.
Classes of 1982/1983/1984 (30-year) Reunion Dinner	Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Classes of 1977/1978/1979 (35-year) Reunion Reception	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Classes of 1972/1973/1974 (40-year) Reunion Brunch	Saturday, 11:00 a.m.
Classes of 1967/1968/1969 (45-year) Reunion Brunch and Dinner	Saturday, 11:15 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Classes of 1962/1963/1964 (50-year) Reunion	Thursday-Saturday
Classes of 1957/1958/1959 (55-year) Reunion Dinner	Friday, 5:30 p.m.
Classes of 1952/1953/1954 (60-year) Reunion Dinner	Friday, 5:15 p.m.

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Volleyball	Friday, 7:00 p.m.
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A photograph showing a prairie maintenance burn in the foreground, with bright orange and yellow flames rising from the dry grass. In the background, two large white wind turbines stand against a clear blue sky. The scene is captured from a low angle, emphasizing the height of the turbines and the intensity of the fire.

BEAUTY FOR ASHES

Flames in the foreground, the Taylor water tower and wind turbines in the background - the setting was the prairie maintenance burn in April, a campus favorite and annual rite of spring.